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RETAIL COAL PRICES ARE RAISED

Railroads Will Be Returned to Private Owners March 1

U. S. TO END ITS CONTROL OF EXPRESS

Inability of Corporations to Resume Operation Effectively by Dec. 31 Actuates Administration in Putting Off Time of Releasing Properties.

PRESIDENT ISSUES TWO PROCLAMATIONS

Tumulty Supplements Them With Statement Giving Reasons for Flxing Date Designated—Hines Urges BEATTY TRIAL Aids to Give Public Good Service.

President Wilson issued two proclamations last night, announcing that Federal control of the and of the American Railway Express Company would be relinquished by the government

The President's reasons railroads to private owners until illness from mastoiditis. Secretary Tumulty.

Proclamation Found Necessary. The statement follows:

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AT WASHINGTON THEATERS

National-"The Better 'Ole." Shubert-Garrick - "Piccadilly Jim."

Shubert-Belasco-Jane Cowl in "Smilin' Through." Poli's-"Zip, Goes a Million."

Moore's Rialto - Katherine McDonald in "The Thunder-

Loew's Palace - Marguerite Clark in "A Girl Named Mary.'

Crandall's Metropolitan "The Girl from Outside." Crandall's - Mabel Normand in "Jinx."

Moore's Garden - "Everywoman.

Moore's Strand - "Desert Gold."

Loew's Columbia-Bessie Barriscale in "Beckoning Roads."

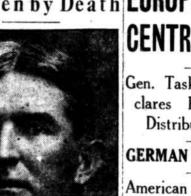
Cosmos - Continuous vaudeville and pictures. Crandall's Knickerbocker -

Constance Talmadge in "The Virtuous Vamp." B. F. Keith's-Vaudeville. Gayety, - Burlesque; "Oh, Girl" Company.

Folly — Burlesque; "Blue Birds." The Coliseum-Roller Skat-

see the President. ing.

Congress Member And Former Judge



JUDGE IS DEAD

Mastoiditis Claims Life of Representative Walter A. Watson, of Virginia.

Representative Walter A. Watson, of Virginia, who as a judge tried the the general asserted, "but there is March 1, 1920, at 12:01 a.m. Beatty murder case several years ago, noon at the Episcopal Eye, Ear and ting the date for the return of the Throat Hospital following a lingering

Physicians gave up hope for Represet forth in a statement issued by days ago after a third unsuccessful operation had been performed by Drs. William B. Mason and Sterling Ruffin. Mr. Watson is survived by his widow, who, before her marriage was "Last May in his message to Miss Constance Tinsley, of Richmond, the Congress the President and va., two brothers and four sisters. nounced that the railroads would The brothers are M. L. Watson, of be handed over to their owners Richmond, and H. H. Watson of at the end of this calendar year. Crewe, Va. The sisters are Mrs. J. C. Winston, wife of Dr. Winston, of Hampden-Sidney, Va.; Mrs. H. H. Royall, wife of Capt, Royall, U. S. N., Philadelphia, Pa.; Mrs. F. T. Sutton, jr., Richmond, Va., and Mrs. T. W.

Wootton, of Petersburg, Va. Mr. Watson, whose Virginia home was at Jennings Ordinary, was born November 25, 1867, in Nottoway County, Virginia. He was educated at "old field" schools, Hampden-Sidney College, and the University of Virginia. He taught school two years, was a farmer and then a lawyer. He was judge of the Fourth Judicial He was judge of the Fourth Judicial der and furnish him and his depend-Circuit Court of Virginia eight years, ents all the rights of freem and resigned to run for Congress, after having served as Commonwealth Attorney, State Senator and a member of the Virginia Constitu- sense. tional Convention in 1901 and 1902. He was elected to the Sixty-third, Sixty-fourth, Sixty-fifth and Sixtysixth Congresses.

He Seeks Wilson, Riot Squad Comes

Alarmed over a hurry-up call from the White House police, a squad of headquarters detectives rushed to the Executive Mansion at 8 o'clock last night to find only a quiet little man, giving his name as Nathan Ile, of Lancaster, Pa.,

as the object of excitement. Nathan, it was learned, had appeared at the east gate of the White House and told a policeman there he wanted to

For that, today he is lodged in the Washington Asylum Hospital.

WOULD FEED ALL Taken by Death EUROPE THROUGH CENTRAL AGENCY

Gen. Tasker H. Bliss Declares Food Plentiful. Distribution Lacking.

GERMAN POWER GONE

American Military Representative Suggests Cure For Bolshevists.

Europe is practically self-sustainng, and therefore stands in little individual nations are holding fast to it, and consequently it is not being distributed in such a GAS MAIN BREAK way as to bring the needed relief. This was revealed yesterday by

Gen. Tasker H. Bliss. American military representative in Europe during the war and member of the American peace delegation, who returned home last week In a talk to newspaper correspondents, Gen. Bliss, reviewing

present-day conditions existing in the lands which were but recently war-torn, practically exploded the theory that if Europe is to survive, she must be fed by America.

"There is plenty of food in Europe. no way now of getting it where it they have, and this is true also of their coal supplies." To solve the problem with which Europe thus is confronted, Gen. Bliss March instead of January 1 were Sentative Watson's recovery several set forth a plan of his own. As

the appointment of Foch in supreme through the plumbing of several resi- nations and endowments up to a to command of the allied armies was dences and filled them with deadly a factor in winning the war, he believed the appointment of a chief executive to co-ordinate the issues and demands of food, food transportation and food distribution would solve the present after-the-war problem of the allied countries.

Sees Democracy Triumphant.

Speaking of the coming development of Europe, Gen. Bliss said; "The conditions in France are very

good and there, as in most other European countries, now, the govern-ments are really run by the people to a greater extent than ever before in ents all the rights of freemen."

Gen. Bliss maintains that there is not much merit in the notion that Germany can become a menace again, either commercially or in the military

German Menace Gone.

"It is impossible for her to regain her trade unless by some such plan as I have suggested, to be worked as I have suggested, to be worked of view, but there appears to be an ot draw logical conclusions. Anycapable man. Germany must again become rich and prosperous or she cannot pay her debts and it seems is not the time for a survey by the unnecessary to say that it is the duty. Federal bureau. cannot pay her debts and it seems unnecessary to say that it is the duty of all nations to assist in putting her on her feet again. The only way to preserve Germany is to encourage her present government. That government is not sustained by the old army but by a new personnel which is, in sympathy with the ruling Democratic power."

Federal bureau.

All those attempting to maintain the present school structure during the existing crisis, from the superintendent down to the kindergarten teacher, are laboring under a heavy strain. For a group of Federal sur-

Democratic power." May Be More Wars.

"It is possible, of course, that the system would be creased salaries for the sorely taxed to survive, it is conmoney for more teached tended by those familiar with school and modern buildings. The proposed Federal survey, it is military force."

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She Dreams of Aero Flight As 101 Candles Are Glowing At\$100 Suppers On Her Xmus Birthday Cake

to dinner at her home, 935 S to America in 1825. ldest woman in Washington.

Few people are in full possession which Mrs. Bruce has attained fection by Americans. And yet — in a cushioned rocking ile rides and expressed a wish to ride in an airplane.

Recalls Lafayette Review. "When I was just a little girl-

ed of assistance from the United a mere tot," she said, "I lived in She has plenty of food, Alexandria. Well do I remember

Sewers

Fiume Agreement Denied

Finme situation were inaccurate.

street northwest, today, will see be- "The streets were strewn with fore her a birthday cake, the sur- flowers, and a court of honor was face of which will be illuminated erected for the French man to pass by 161 candles. The cake belongs through. I stood on the curbstone to her. She is believed to be the with my father and watched the pa-

Mrs. Bruce saw two other sights f their faculties at the ripe old age to be remembered with reverent af-

Bruce voiced her love for automo- marked. "All day long I watched the myriads of soldiers passing.

> saw the parade from an automo bile. It was fine. And the airplanes -how I'd like to ride in one of

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KILLS 2, HURTS 7 JOHN D.'S GIFT

Homes Filled by Fumes Salaries of Professors to Get Which Flood Through Boost as Result of Foundation Contributions

efeller, sr., played the role of Santa packed with scintillating cosmol Claus today by giving away \$100,000- tan crowds, including princes, 000, half of the amount going to the from gas Rockefeller Foundation and the same fumes which penetrated their homes amount to the General Education

main broke and the gas penetrated sities and increasing the salaries of the trunk sewers on Park avenue, their teaching staffs.

From the sewers the gas seeped Today's gifts bring Rockefeller's do-

John Jesse Cook Dead: For 56 Years Clerk Here

Claimed by heart disease, Jesse By Roman Authorities Cook, 75 years old, executive clerk of the Ordnance Department of the Japanese clash over the peace treaty sit Company, left an estate estidispatch from Rome today said it home, 925 M street northwest.

had been semi-officially stated that Cook was born in St. Marys had been semi-officially stated that press reports of an agreement on the County, Md., in 1844. For afty-six date over teh former German islands years he has been employed in the The reports represented only pro- War Department.

posals of the Fiumians, not those of daughter. Mrs. William A. B. Hood, in Pich. Gen. Badoglio, government represent- and a sister, who lives in Rich-

U. S. School Survey Viewed as Calamity

are doing everything possible to work of running the system to conprevent the local school system centrate on the survey in an at-"The menace of Germany as a mill-from collapsing under the heavy tempt to follow its course and fore-ary power is gone," he said, "and I strain of overcrowding and the cast results. tary power is gone," he said, "and I strain of overcrowding and the do not see how she can be a danger commercially. She was a mere shell commercially. She was a mere shell when she collapsed and it will be long before she will be able to pay her obligations to the allies, and in the meantime she will be kept down as a military power by the provisions of the treaty of peace.

Then the question comes up to those seriously concerned about the situation as it exists as to whether the properties of the proper hesp the situation.

None of the school officials would ditions are abnormal is not a time

veyors to come into the situation now and attempt to examine the Gen. Bliss has no delusions that situation might tend to so stir up here will be no more wars. He conditions that the system would be

In all circles-school, business and civic-it is now admitted that everyone knows, without any further in

vestigation, that the prime needs of the local system today are sufficient funds with which to provide increased salaries for the teachers. money for more teachers, and more All interests are uniting to make

Matter of Money.

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travel in coming years.

Christmas Eve French Capital Celebrates

Holiday With Parties That Ignore Nation's Stress.

Christmas Eve tonight with the cu fomary "reveillon" parties, breaking all records for lavish and costly di play and throwing into glaring re lief the fact that French familie have never before had so much mone to spend, despite the impoverished

condition of the national treasury The past ten days or so have wit nessed an unprecedented expenditure for costly toys and gifts, which culminated this evening in an amazing orgy of feasting and dancing,

It is estimated that not less than \$5,000,000 was spent in hotels and on eight-course suppers \$100 a cover. Fully 500,000 quarts o hampagne were consumed. For the first time since 1914

the tables there, as well as at

ENGLISH CLAIMS

Exclusion From Isles Germany Lost Resented at Peace Conference.

Paris. Dec. 24. - The first Anglo- dent of the Interborough Rapid London, Dec. 24.-A news agency army, died yesterday morning at his occurred today when the Japanese at Edwar, Files said the widow delegates to the Peace Conference depend on the charity of her t declined to approve a British man-Mrs. Shonts received through

in the Pacific south of the Equator. | will a \$100,000 "debt" acknowled: The Japanese pointed out that there was no racial discrimination when the Germans were in possession of the islands, but now that they are passing into the hands of the state to Mrs. Amanda C. Tfriend. Australia, Japanese are excluded under the Australian immigration laws. GIRL WON'T LIE AGAIN; The tight on this issue is regarded as the prelude to embitterment of Anglo-Japanese relations in the Pacific and is expected to culminate in a refusal by Great Britain to renew the Anglo-Japanese treaty at ts expiration in July, 1921.

Confesses Swindling Government of \$100,000

Then the question comes up to Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 24.-Lieut, Ben jamin Wolfson, of Baltimore, and one or two other army officers stationed at the Marsh Run army supply depot, were arrested today in connection moment when it is admitted conwith the alleged swindle of \$100,000 worth of government supplies, it was announced by Department of Justice officials. A' confession has been obtained from Wolfson and from William A. Stringer, of Minneapolis, the attempting to lay out a proper latter the first to be arrested, the Decourse for the school system to partment of Justice officials said. Stringer is out on \$2.500 bonds

Denies Ford Employes

Henry Ford's personal secretary, to-day denied reports that the Ford Mo-Detroit, Dec. 24.-E. G. Leibold, 18 a day was contemplated.

Paris Madly Gay 35 CENTS ADDED TO COST OF TON IN D. C. MARKET

Dealers Get Notice of Increase in Anticipation of Action By Commission Created as Result of Indianapolis Strike Settlement. Boost Said to Be Nation-Wide-Bituminous Fuel Affected-Refunds May Be Made.

Retail prices of bituminous coal have been increased in Washing

Prices in Chicago have been increased from 30 to 35 cents a ton, and it is understood the same condition exists throughout the

Some operators are said to have increased prices to the retail dealers in about the same proportion, in anticipation of a report favorable to them by the coal commission appointed by President Wilson to study the coal situation. Other operators, it is said, have made the increase arbitrarily in order to cover the 14 per cent wage advance to the miners authorized by the government in the strike settlement meeting at Indianapolis.

Eviction of Rich Man's

Widow Stayed Off by

Charity of Friends.

nonpayment of rent.

Although Theodore P. Shonts.

her husband and \$5,000 life ins

New York, Dec. 24.-Griev ...

terly because she had beer

manded by her mother for lyi

and Mrs. John Peterson, of

lyn, went to the bathroom

home today and fired a bu

She was found dead sever how

later. On the floor near the body

was a small revolver and a note

HE SHIPS IT TO SPAIN

"Good-bye. I shall not lie again.

her left temple.

which read:

SHE SHOT HERSELY

GIFTS PAY RENT here is a prospect that coal prices ill be increased following the re FOR MRS. SHONTS port of the coal commission and that the increases probably will be retroactive to November 1.

from the Consolidation Coal Company asserted bills received from that company within the last for days all bore a stamped statement New York, Dec. 24.-George W. Files, that the bills were subject to the attorney for Mrs. Milla D. Shonts, government adjustment of coa said today that her friends had raised prices on

us is a matter of to small

d if there were any restricsing prices enough above the

nt companies supplying coal to ury Dove, the Marlow Coal Com-and other large Washington con-asserted he had not been notif any increases in coal prices: Snead said he had heard some

ittors were increasing prices, but ild not believe it was general. He unable to say whether his comemployed non-untor rs and which were not affected the strike, contemplated increase Gets Increase Notice.

J. M. Dove, jr., of the J. Maury Dove Coal Company, which purchases par of its coal through Mr. Snead, declared he had received notice four of the days ago of an increase in the days ago of the day Mrs. Peterson told the police she had reprimanded her daughter telling "two fibs."

WINE IINCAFE IN U.S.. tive to November 1, and that his company has accordingly increased its price to the consumer from \$7.75 to \$5.16—an increase of 25 cents. He did not state whether any exception was being made in the prices charged for the coal purchased

New York, Dec. 24.-A consignment Georgia Creek and Jenner soft coal of forty-eight casks of Spanish wine, said he had had no information of an increase or a prospective increase three of them containing wine made in the cost of coal.

Burden to Be Passed On.

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tor Company plans to make any im- he was taking these valued possesmediate increase in the wage of their sions form his home in Passidena, Mariow Coal Company, said he had employes. His denial followed a published statement that a minimum of risk of losing it through possible legai action here.

the \$314.67 necessary to prevent be be ret

orn to Washington degers. icking to Garfield's Riles.

us, but declared their intention ide so far as possible by the old of the Fuel Administration A. Snead, former assistant to iarfield, Federal Fuel Adminis-, and now agent of a corpora-representing several large inde-

through Mr. Snead.

George W. Rue, of the George W.

Itue Coal Company, which sells only

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Morris E. Marlow, president of